

	<p>ROCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013</p> <p>The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 in Room 104 of City Hall. Board President Rod Toomey called the meeting to order.</p>
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Rod Toomey, Nora Dooley, Michael Quinn, John Sipple, Dr. Paul Scanlon, and Larry Mortensen
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Ron Bastian, Steve Browning, Michael Nigbur, Leif Erickson, Donna Drews, Ed Staiert, Mike Schaber, and Kelly Evans
OPEN COMMENT PERIOD	<p>Ann Bolin, Friends of Indian Heights Park, wished to be heard. Ms. Bolin was upset to report graffiti on the limestone building at Thompson Mill Race Park. She is upset that this has happened in their park and the same message by the same group throughout Rochester. Ms. Bolin has reported the graffiti and she appreciates that it is removed but she is pretty upset that it keeps happening all over Rochester. Ms. Bolin reported that a lot of bad activity takes place in this building, a lot of debris, fires are started in the building. She walks the trails every day and sees what happens. Ms. Bolin passed around pictures for the Park Board. There has been a bike at the park for a month. The bike was around a tree, she reported it to the Police and the bike is still there. It has been cut from the tree but is still inside the building.</p> <p>Michael Nigbur reviewed that the Department spends \$15,000 per year on graffiti removal. The Department has staff that work on graffiti removal. It is an ongoing challenge for the Department. Michael noted that he appreciates Ms. Bolin coming forward and will take care of the graffiti as reported.</p> <p>Ms. Bolin is concerned about the message throughout Rochester and asked if the Department can work with Police on this issue. Dawn Littleton asked what citizens can do when they see this vandalism. Michael said that citizens should call and report it. Ms. Dooley said the police have the capacity to put hidden cameras on certain locations whereas the Park Department does not. Ron Bastian suggested working with their neighborhood association as an organized group vs. individual citizens. Mr. Toomey noted that issues that are brought forward by an association seem to carry more weight. Ms. Dooley suggested contacting RNeighbors who would in turn take these concerns directly to the community oriented policing. Ron commented that this does not mean there is an instant solution. This happens all over town and nearly nightly. It makes the Department angry and Police want to be involved if gang related. Ms. Bolin is happy that the graffiti is removed in a timely manner. The message is sickening and we do not want the community/children seeing that message. Ms. Littleton noted that the bike was there before the graffiti and it</p>

	<p>seems like the bike sent the message that no one monitors the area. She asked who they call to get the bike removed. Michael said to call him. He noted that park staff drives by but staff is not as present at this park. Michael stated that activity with users of the park deter this type of activity. Michael Schaber explained that the graffiti needs to be sandblasted so may take a little longer than usual to get removed.</p>
VISITORS/DELEGATIONS	<p>Dawn Littleton, Ann Bolin, Friends of Indian Heights Park representatives; Doug Rovang, RPU; Bill Angerman, WHKS;</p>
MEDIA PRESENT	<p>None present.</p>
BILLS	<p>Bills for the month were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Scanlon, seconded by Ms. Dooley to approve the bills. Motion carried.</p>
<u>INFORMATIONAL ITEMS</u> DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS	<p>Ron commented that organizational charts resulted in a conversation about what the Department employees do. There is a chart posted on the website but not as detailed as what is included in the packet. He challenged the managers to create their own charts and those drafts were included in the packet.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey said he found it interesting in how it breaks down. Ron said we are a very diverse organization and different seasons results in different areas being busy.</p> <p>Ms. Dooley suggested featuring individual staff on the website and what they do. She loves having the organizational charts as it gives the idea on the extent of the Department but suggested featuring what staff actually does on the website.</p> <p>Ron stated that we think we do a pretty good job at doing what we do but fall short in telling people what we do. Good idea to personalize our operations by featuring staff and telling what they do.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey, on behalf of the Park Board, thanked Ron for the organizational charts.</p>
RECREATION DIVISION REPORT	<p>Steve Browning stated that he was asked to provide a report on what has happened in the past 10 years in the Recreation Division. He pointed out that in 2008, a number of registrations dropped off due to the economy. He pointed out that we are starting to pick up again and are up 16 teams in spring volleyball from last year.</p> <p>Steve noted that broomball has stayed stable as of late. They may be able to add more teams if they move indoors but then expenses rise drastically. He tries to keep the cost down by holding broomball outdoors but they do move inside for playoffs.</p> <p>Steve referred to football and is not sure what happened with football. They have done fairly good over the years and maybe</p>

	<p>the expense had an impact in 2012. It is one of the most expensive sports to run as there are three officials per game. He did talk to a few people and sponsorships dropped plus it is a tough time of year to play due to hunting and other activities.</p> <p>Steve reported that kickball started in 2003 and has done great. It is coed only and they have theme nights. The kickball teams have a lot of fun.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey asked if leagues have been tried in the bubble. Steve answered yes but the expense of the bubble has deterred teams from signing up.</p> <p>Steve reported that basketball has done well over the years but it is an expensive sport and has taken a hit, especially with women teams.</p> <p>Steve noted that volleyball has stayed pretty stable. A lot of teams play four seasons and some teams went from four to two seasons due to sponsorships going down. Mr. Toomey asked if sandlot volleyball teams are down due to the bars hosting sandlot volleyball. Steve answered yes, this has affected our sandlot volleyball registration. He tried to cut expenses and have teams ref their own games but that did not go over well.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey asked where indoor volleyball is played. Steve answered at the National Volleyball Center.</p> <p>Dr. Scanlon asked if the numbers refer to individual participants in volleyball vs. teams. Steve answered no, the numbers refer to the number of teams.</p> <p>Mr. Quinn inquired on the annual number of players in all of the sports. Steve does not have those figures but guesses there are 4,000 to 5,000 in just volleyball. He noted that Rochester is a big volleyball town.</p> <p>Dr. Scanlon feels it is okay to have options with bar volleyball teams. Steve noted that we still get a decent number of teams, those that do not want to play at a bar.</p> <p>Steve referred to softball and explained that the last couple of years, towns around Rochester have improved their fields and charge quite a bit less. This is mainly due to the Rochester Softball Association (RSA) fee that is paid by the summer softball teams. Steve reported that comments have been received regarding the increased RSA fee. RSA has changed their fee from a planned \$30.00 per player fee to a team fee of \$300.00.</p>
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Mr. Toomey asked if there are adult fast pitch leagues in Rochester. Steve answered no and stated that they moved to St. Charles. He noted that adult fast pitch is still struggling and down to a dozen teams. Mr. Toomey asked if Soldiers Field is used by any adult teams. Steve answered no and explained that both fields at Soldiers Field are used by girls fast pitch. All our teams play at the McQuillan Complex.

Steve reported that he offered dodge ball last spring but it did not go over well. He would like to try it again. The biggest problem is finding a facility. He would like to try pickle ball, tennis in a smaller area, which has gotten big state-wide. He has tried soccer in the past but the adults formed associations and wanted a more traveling, diverse program than we offered.

Ron asked Steve to discuss our affiliations. Steve reviewed that we belong to the Minnesota Sports Federation. We sanction any team that wants to go to state or districts but we get very few. Steve noted that we belong to the Southern Minnesota Recreation and Park Association and have all kept together to provide continuity for teams in this area.

Mr. Mortensen thanked Steve for the report, it is really helpful to him. Mr. Mortensen noted that the population grew from high 80,000 to 120,000 which is great growth but yet we are seeing stability in our teams. There has been a huge change in the diverse nature of our community and he wonders if we are offering the right things. He referred to the comment that teams have dropped off due to sponsorship but finds it interesting that people will not play if they have to pay on their own. He asked if we can create a measurement that addresses how many people in the community are actively involved in our sports. Mr. Mortensen stated that it seems we do not have a good measure of the people engaged in our sports.

Ms. Dooley feels that Mr. Mortensen's idea is a brilliant idea as it is about marketing. She feels people would be impressed, as she was, to hear that 4,000 to 5,000 people are playing volleyball. This results in the importance of the National Volleyball Center expansion, etc. Ms. Dooley feels it would be great to highlight these things for the community to absorb. Tie it into the healthy living angle for the community as well. Ms. Dooley thanked Steve for the information.

Mr. Toomey asked if staff would be able to crunch numbers to get participants. He said it could be done on a season basis. Ron responded that we will look into including this information in the annual report.

	<p>Dr. Scanlon noted that there are many other groups/associations that play sports and it would be great to include those numbers as well. Mr. Toomey agreed that the total participant numbers of people playing sports would be impressive.</p> <p>Ron explained that the Department does not run all sports but we work with a lot of them. He gave the example of the Cricket Association. They want to run their own program and do not want to be part of ours. Ron reviewed other groups/associations that want to be on their own including Somali and Hispanic soccer groups and senior men's hockey. Ron said that we facilitate them using our facilities but they want to run their own programs.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey stated his amazement of the number of people that use the Frisbee golf courses.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey, on behalf of the Park Board, thanked Steve for the report.</p>
ST. MARYS PARK GRADING	<p>Michael introduced Doug Rovang of RPU and Bill Angerman of WHKS. Michael reviewed that there has been a lot of discussion on the water tower. RPU has made the decision to use the existing site for the new water tower. They will use part of the roadway area and park for the construction of the new, larger water tower. A current map was handed out. Michael pointed out on the map that people believe that St. Marys Park is much larger than it actually is. He pointed out the property lines of the area. He pointed out that St. Marys owns several parcels in the area. Michael pointed out that many of the trees are actually on Mayo property. RPU has been working with Mayo regarding their properties in the area. Michael noted that construction will impact the park, Mayo property and street right-of-way. There will be an impact to approximately three trees located within the existing right-of-way. Michael pointed out that the area impacted on the park is approximately 60 feet long by 5 feet wide (small area).</p> <p>Dr. Scanlon asked if the drive will be blocked off. Michael answered yes, during construction. Dr. Scanlon assumes the existing water storage tank will be taken down in order to build the new tank and asked the size of the new tank. Doug Rovang answered that the current tank is 66 feet in diameter whereas the new tank will be 99 feet in diameter. Michael noted that RPU will work with Mayo regarding the impact on their property.</p> <p>Mr. Quinn asked if barriers will be up during construction. Michael answered yes.</p>

Dr. Scanlon asked if the height is the same as the current tank. Mr. Rovang answered the height is the same, the diameter is larger. The current tank holds 1.5 million gallons compared to the new tank holding 3.2 gallons.

Ms. Dooley inquired as to how long the park will be unusable. Michael responded that the park will remain open the entire time other than the small area used for construction. Mr. Toomey noted that there will be no parking.

Michael stated that in the past some of the parking spaces along 4th Street were converted into park parking with 2 hour limits. This can be considered for this project. Ms. Dooley asked to please consider doing that. She asked how long the parking lot will be out. Mr. Rovang answered July 1 through the end of November. Ms. Dooley asked if there is a reasonable possibility of getting parking spaces. Michael stated that he can almost guarantee it.

Mr. Quinn asked if RPU has talked to the neighbors. Mr. Rovang reviewed that they have held a number of public meetings. Ms. Dooley asked what the response has been from the neighbors. Mr. Rovang responded that the neighbors want as little impact as possible. An alternative location was inside the park and there was a lot of resistance to this. Since RPU has the right to use the existing space, the neighborhood has resigned to the fact of it being in the current location. Mr. Rovang said that RPU would have liked to have moved it further to the north but Mayo did not give RPU the permissions needed. He stated that City Council member Michael Wojcik has talked to a lot of the neighbors and has said we need to be sensitive to everyone's concerns.

Dr. Scanlon inquired about tree replacement. Mr. Rovang responded that they will replace the trees with as mature trees as they can get. Mr. Rovang pointed out that a number of trees in the park are aged and fairly shabby and could stand to be replaced. Michael noted that two of the three trees are considered to be in fair condition. Michael reported that RPU does have money for additional landscaping and we have money in our budget for landscaping as well. Hope to have one cohesive landscaping project for the park.

Mr. Quinn inquired about noise during construction. Mr. Rovang responded that the noise will be less than the cooling towers at St. Marys. They have done noise studies and have it well documented. He noted that the biggest noise in the area is traffic.

	<p>Ms. Dooley asked if the new tower is not generating a ton of additional noise. Mr. Rovang answered no, it is just moving water.</p> <p>Michael noted that this was brought before the Park Board for information to keep the Board updated on St. Marys Park. There will be minor impact on the park.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey asked if anything will come back to the Board for approval. Michael answered no.</p> <p>Ms. Dooley asked Michael to report back to the Board with the result of the parking spaces. Michael said he would do so.</p> <p>Mr. Quinn asked if there is a sketch on how it will look in the end. Mr. Rovang said he does not have the concepts with him. They will be working with CUDE, the neighborhood, etc. regarding architectural components of the project. They have been working very closely with Mayo.</p> <p>Mr. Sipple pointed out that CUDE facilitated the last two meetings with the neighbors and there was good turnout. He reported that there were very few concerns in the end. Mr. Sipple noted one concern was regarding the possibility of a crosswalk on 4th Street from 10th Avenue. Michael said he can talk to Public Works regarding this.</p> <p>Mr. Quinn said that traffic does not stop coming from 4th Street but traffic coming up the hill from St. Marys does have to stop.</p> <p>Ms. Dooley asked how many total trees will be taken out from Mayo properties. Mr. Rovang responded that they do not have a count but a lot of trees are being taken out and all will be replaced. Mr. Rovang noted that Mayo has recognized to make this work on the existing site, the trees will have to be removed and will be replaced.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey, on behalf of the Park Board, thanked Michael for the presentation and asked to be kept informed.</p>
BEAR CREEK PARK GRADING	<p>Michael referred to the vacant lot along Marion Road being developed with a new Burger King. Due to the difference in elevation between the development property and Bear Creek Park, the owner is requesting permission to grade and fill onto park property. Michael explained that the owner is building a storm water retaining pond on their site and to make the pond, they want to fill on our property to make a berm for the pond. There will be no water on our property. The owner will match grades with the parkland. The park area affected is over the top of two sanitary sewer pipes which is not a usable land area to do construction on. The area is used by youth baseball for practice purposes so there will be a slight impact with that.</p>

	<p>Michael explained that the owner is required to construct a path along their Highway 14 frontage and the owner will help pay for the path along the park's Highway 14 frontage.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey asked if the bike path will meet up with the entrance to Bear Creek Park. Michael answered yes.</p> <p>Dr. Scanlon said there is very little traffic coming in and is mostly traffic going out. Michael responded that it is a high traffic area, both in and out.</p> <p>Mr. Quinn asked if there is an entrance off Marion Road as well. Michael answered yes. The long range plan is a solid median. Mr. Toomey asked if this is state or county. Michael answered both.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey stated that there is nothing that will come back to the Park Board for approval regarding this item. Michael answered that this is correct.</p> <p>Ms. Dooley inquired about the sanitary sewer lines. Michael explained that there are two sanitary sewer lines that are below ground that will have a berm built on them. This will have no impact to us as we could not have built on them.</p> <p>Dr. Scanlon inquired on the elevation change. Michael answered 5 feet.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey, on behalf of the Park Board, thanked Michael for the presentation.</p>
MAYO CIVIC CENTER BUSINESS ANALYSIS	<p>Ron reported on the Mayo Civic Center business analysis. He stated that the process will take some time. He does not think it is a matter of if a new governing body but rather when a new governing body is in place. Ron noted that Mr. Kvenvold is seeking opinions and comments from either individual members or collectively as a board. Ron and Donna Drews have met with Mayo Civic Center staff and Donna continues to keep staff updated. Ron opened up for discussion by the Park Board.</p> <p>Mr. Quinn pointed out that Ms. Dooley brought up these concerns at the meeting and he has heard the same concerns since the meeting regarding grandfathered events, what events are the lowest priority, etc. Mr. Quinn was surprised the school representatives did not say anything at the meeting. They feel the first district will not be able to have their events at the Mayo Civic Center. Mr. Quinn stated that if priority is given and they are the lowest priority, at some point in the future their dates will not be available. Mr. Quinn agrees we want to maximize the property, especially after the expansion, but it is still the people's civic center. He referred to a part of</p>

the report that states if room fees are not enough to cover all expenses, there is a loss, as there typically is, and we all understand that. Mr. Quinn stated that the taxpayers are ultimately responsible. If we now push to maximize the amount of profit with conventions and they receive priority, there are going to be conflicts with the calendar that will affect other people. Mr. Quinn said that these are the comments he is hearing from people. People are saying that the taxpayers have paid for the Mayo Civic Center for all of these years and realize there will not be a profit. He feels there are several things that need to happen and changes that could/should be done but there are also concerns.

Mr. Toomey suggested Board members talk to as many City Council members telling them exactly the concerns you have or have heard. He suggested reaching out to everyone you can on the City Council. Mr. Toomey said the City Council will have their hands full as to how to set this up. He said the City Council has been faced with a lot of issues and with this report coming forward, they will make the recommended changes to the Mayo Civic Center. Mr. Toomey noted that it is important that we all speak to everyone we know with the concerns we have or have heard. He has had a conversation with a couple of City Council members and they have acknowledged his concerns but they plan to move forward as recommended in the report.

Mr. Quinn said a new board will get appointed and the City Council members may be voted out of office if people are not satisfied with the decision. They are basically replacing one board with another board. Mr. Toomey referred to the recommendation of adding staff on top of that. Ms. Dooley referred to the maintenance expenses. Mr. Toomey urged the Park Board to contact the City Council with their concerns.

Mr. Mortensen referred to the comment regarding the governance model. He sees a lack of a direct accountable individual that makes these two boards work together. Maybe it is the City Administrator. He noted that boards are nice people but do not hold anyone to the fire.

Mr. Toomey said the report recommends the melding of the RCVB into the MCC extensively. He made the comment that maybe there should be one board over both. He is concerned how two separate boards will work/mesh together. He again encouraged the Park Board to reach out to the City Council with comments and concerns.

Mr. Sipple stated that it sounds like they want to move forward quickly. Ron reviewed that the City Attorney has weighed in on the report as there are a lot of legal issues that have to be

dealt with. Ron echoed that the Park Board members should put their thoughts in writing and provide them to Mr. Kvenvold and Mayor Brede.

Mr. Quinn has told people to contact the City Council regarding their concerns. He is concerned with grandfathered events such as Festival of Trees. Mr. Toomey said that he sat in on meetings and listed events and feels fairly comfortable that these events will be grandfathered. Ms. Dooley stated that not all events equal room nights and if they are looking at it from that standpoint, those events may not make the cut.

Ms. Dooley stated that heads on beds is the measure that will be used to meet sales goals. She was shocked with the stipend that the marketing team will be paid to meet their goals. Mr. Quinn noted that the sales goals they have to reach are pretty hefty and if they want to work hard, they can make a pretty hefty reward. Ms. Dooley said their goal is to put heads on beds and she does not feel that is the goal of the community.

Ms. Dooley referred to attendance and the benchmarks being in much larger communities. If you want to talk about how the MCC impacts the community, look at the attendance. She intends to drive home to the City Council the number of attendees of the MCC which was completely ignored at the presentation and is really not part of the executive summary. Ms. Dooley stated that this Board is looking to serve the community and not put heads on beds and that clearly escaped SAG.

Dr. Scanlon pointed out that they made the current governance look like it is total chaos and that is not the case.

Ron said that a presentation will be made to the Committee of the Whole in March. This will be a great opportunity to speak. Ron said the City Council needs to hear comments/concerns. Mr. Quinn agreed and he has told people that have contacted him with their concerns to contact the City Council. The facility is owned by the City of Rochester and there have always been so-called conflicts between the individual hotels, the convention bureau and the events at the civic center.

Ron will keep the Park Board apprised of the process and encouraged making contacts with their comments/concerns.

Mr. Toomey, on behalf of the Park Board, thanked Ron for the update.

<p><u>ACTION ITEMS</u></p> <p>APPROVAL OF 2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM</p>	<p>Ron reviewed that a lot of energy and effort goes into the Department's CIP. We work five years out but the funding allocated is for current year only. Ron noted that the funding for projects is reflected in the action item. The Department did fairly well this year.</p> <p>Mr. Mortensen asked for the bottom line. Ron responded \$439,500 in tax dollar support. Mr. Mortensen said the bottom line is the total of all funding. Ron explained the bottom line for staff is the tax dollars as other monies are currently available.</p> <p>Ms. Dooley referred to the CIP dollars for the Mayo Civic Center. She wondered if we should hold off on replacing furniture and making improvements. Donna explained that the improvements for this year are funded through reserves. Some of the tables are over 30 years old. Ms. Dooley said she understands this but if there is a new vision, new tables we purchased may not be part of that vision, and we have already spent money that could have been used somewhere else. Mr. Quinn said that implementation could be six months out and there are things that need to be replaced. Mr. Quinn asked if the City Administrator said to hold back on the MCC projects, could we hold back. Ron commented that the CIP projects are all approved and staff is moving forward on them. Mr. Toomey noted that all of these projects will come to the Board for approval. We can discuss whether to approve those individual projects at that time. Ms. Dooley is concerned if the money is spent on the MCC and then everything changes, the money is no longer available that could have been used elsewhere throughout the Park System.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Mortensen, seconded by Ms. Dooley to accept and approve the 2013 Capital Improvements Program funding. Motion carried.</p>
<p><u>CONSENT ITEMS</u></p>	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Sipple to approve the following consent agenda items.</p> <p>A. Approval of minutes of January 8, 2013, Park Board meeting.</p> <p>B. Approval of the 2013 membership in the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Coalition in the amount of \$300.00.</p> <p>C. See at end of consent agenda.</p> <p>D. Approval to amend the park closing hours for Foster-Arend on Friday, February 8, 2013 through 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2013.</p>

	<p>E. Acceptance of the quotation from Broyhill to purchase a Broyhill load & pack in the amount of \$163,647.00.</p> <p>F. See at end of consent agenda.</p> <p>G. Approval to purchase 244 banquet tables from P.S. Furniture for \$42,036.00 and 150 classroom tables from Value Inspired Products for \$13,660.45.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>C. Ms. Dooley inquired on the reason for the removal of the mini golf course. Michael explained that this was the concessionaire's choice. Michael proposed a higher fee and the concessionaire asked how the fee could be lowered. The concessionaire was told he could lower the fee by lessening his footprint. Michael noted that the mini golf course was not highly used, was in pretty poor shape and would have needed to be updated.</p> <p>Ms. Dooley inquired on the language to improve the quality of the venue. Michael responded that there are small, beat up buildings, handmade signs, and we want to work with the concessionaire to improve the quality and make it much more presentable.</p> <p>A motion was made by Ms. Dooley, seconded by Mr. Quinn to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Silver Lake Bike/Boat Concession Agreement with Mr. Aaron Richards for the period from 01/01/2013 through 12/31/2015. Motion carried.</p> <p>F. Ms. Dooley asked if there is a budget for the ice resurfacer. Ron answered yes, equipment revolving.</p> <p>A motion was made by Ms. Dooley, seconded by Mr. Quinn to accept the quotation from Zamboni Company for a 2013 Ice Resurfacer with trade in for the amount of \$87,594.10. Motion carried.</p>
<p>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minnesota State Historical Society – We received the check late last week for \$48,000.00 for the Plummer House HVAC project. We are moving forward on the project and hope to have bid information in March. 2. Rochester Day at the Capitol – Part of the session is a sales tax presentation. Dale McCamish is there for the Recreation/Senior Center project. Ron provided a handout on the project. He will notify the Park Board when the presentation is being made to the Committee of the Whole. This is a very positive project. We will not be able to meet everyone's needs or wish list. The original project was

	<p>presented as a \$33 million project and funding was provided at \$20 million.</p> <p>Mr. Mortensen inquired on the current Senior Center building. Ron explained that it is owned by the City, is on the national register, and the City will find a use for the building.</p> <p>3. Active Shooter Training – The training was held at the Mayo Civic Center for their staff. It was very effective training and an awesome presentation. The training will be ongoing throughout the entire City organization. Ron commended Donna and her staff for being a great City leader by facilitating this training.</p> <p>4. Strategic Planning – Ron will start to discuss possible processes.</p> <p>Mr. Mortensen asked if it is independent from the dollars allocated for the Soldiers Field Master Plan. Ron answered yes, it is totally independent from that.</p>
OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Mr. Sipple inquired on the fire hall at Silver Lake. Ron feels it should revert back to the Department as we owned the building originally. The Department has a number of uses for the building. Ms. Dooley asked when this would happen. Michael answered 2014. Ron said that not everyone in the City sees this as the greatest use for the building. Ms. Dooley asked if the building is located on parkland. Ron answered yes.</p> <p>Dr. Scanlon asked if the new fire hall location is agreed upon. Ron answered yes.</p> <p>Mr. Toomey encouraged the Park Board to talk to people they know regarding the MCC.</p> <p>With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. on a motion from Ms. Dooley, seconded by Mr. Mortensen.</p>